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**Old attitudes are a problem**

Editor:

In reading the letter of Mrs. Charlotte Woods [in The Montanian May 15] I cannot help but recognize a healthy dose of what exactly leads communities such as Libby into such horrible toxic situations in the first place.

"What can be done" is usually the summary of some corporation that is busy killing its employees and townspeople. This is generally supported by people who have not yet suffered the loss of loved ones or have not yet become diseased themselves.

Unfortunately, the dead cannot lobby for their own cause and nearly everyone doubts somebody

who is sick. The answer to Mrs. Woods' less than sympathetic and even less than informed semi-rhetorical question is to not to have the situation arise in the first place. A lesson our government still has not figured out.

Incidentally, "paranoia" is an unreasonable fear of an unlikely event or set of events. I would say that applying the word paranoid to anyone in Libby who is concerned about their health or the health of their neighbors is grossly incorrect. Instead, "highly astute" would be my personal observation of these people.

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